IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kiyoshi Takeuchi et al.

Application No.: 10/575,631	Confirmation No.: 1764
Filed: January 30, 2007	Art Unit: 2815
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A CONDUCTIVE PORTION BELOW AN INTERLAYER INSULATING FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME (As Amended)	Examiner: E. Lee

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification being on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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*not less than 20   ** not less than 3

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